



The Advocacy Institute Is Pleased to Present

PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

2018 NEW JERSEY BRIDGE THE GAP SYMPOSIUM

October 24, 2018

8:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.¹

**Richard J. Hughes Justice Complex
Fourth Floor Conference Center Room A
25 Market Street
Trenton, New Jersey**

Program Summary

This five-presentation symposium will provide newly admitted attorneys with the opportunity to earn credits towards their *BCLE Reg. 201:2* obligations. The presentations will include: Municipal Court Practice, Family Law, Basic Estate Planning, Basic Estate Administration, and Real Estate Closings. Full course descriptions are included in the attached program summary.

Who Should Attend?

This program is intended for newly admitted lawyers who must satisfy the requirements of *BCLE Reg. 201:2*. **Please do not attempt to register for this program if you are not a “newly admitted lawyer” as defined in *BCLE Reg. 103:1(n)*.**

Who Is the Faculty?

Please see attached.

¹ Registration is from 8:45 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.

CLE Credit

NJ CLE Credit: This program has been approved by the Board on Continuing Legal Education of the Supreme Court of New Jersey for up to 7.5 hours of total CLE credit. Of these, 0.0 qualify as hours of credit for ethics/professionalism. Attendees will be able to apply the credits earned at these programs toward their New Jersey newly admitted lawyer requirements under *BCLE Reg. 201:2*.

NY CLE Credit: Up to 7.5 substantive credits (pursuant to the approved jurisdiction policy).

PA CLE Credit: Up to 5.0 substantive credits (\$1.50 per credit mandatory registration fee required). **Please note: for PA CLE credit, you must provide one check for each course.**

How Do I Register?

You must apply separately for each presentation you would like to attend. Registering for one presentation does not register you for the entire day or for any other presentations.

State Employees

Most State employees are able to register for this course by going to <http://reg2.dcj.lps.state.nj.us/lpcreg/login.aspx?portalid=2> and creating an AGAI Course Registration account. To do so, your computer **must** be attached to the government's Garden State Network. Upon opening the AGAI Course Registration System home page, you will see the Create Account link in the Login Box. Click on it and create your account, which will include you selecting a user name and password. Once you create your account, you can access the AGAI Course Registration System at <http://reg2.dcj.lps.state.nj.us/lpcreg/login.aspx?portalid=2> to register for future courses or to manage your account. Please retain your user name and password for your records.

Non-State Employees or State Employees not Connected to the Garden State Network

If you are not a State employee, or are otherwise unable to access the AGAI Course Registration System through the Garden State Network, kindly email the Advocacy Institute at: AdvocacyInstitute@lps.state.nj.us for an authorization code to allow you access to the AGAI Course Registration System through the My New Jersey portal. **Setting up your account through the portal is a two-step process, the details of which are set forth in the next two paragraphs.**

Once you receive the portal authorization code you will be prompted to go to the My New Jersey portal at <http://www.state.nj.us/> and create a portal account. This is Step 1 of the process, which you need only do once.

Upon setting up your portal account, you need to set up your AGAI Course Registration System account. This is Step 2. To do so, log on to the My New Jersey Portal <http://www.state.nj.us/>. Upon opening the AGAI Course Registration System home page, you will see the Create Account link in the Login Box. Click on it and create your account, which will include you selecting a new user name and password. Once you create your account, you can access the AGAI Course Registration System at <http://reg2.dcj.lps.state.nj.us/lpcreg/login.aspx?portalid=2> to register for future courses or to manage your account. Please retain your user name and password for your records.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE, COURSE SUMMARIES AND FACULTY BIOGRAPHIES

MUNICIPAL COURT PRACTICE

9:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Summary: This presentation will provide a fundamental overview of municipal court practice in New Jersey. It will include discussion of municipal court jurisdiction, significant Court Rules and programs available to all persons with matters before municipal courts.

Presenter: Michael V. Dowgin, Esq. is the Chief Judge of the South Brunswick Township Municipal Court, where he has presided for 18 years. He is a member of the Middlesex County Municipal Court Judges Association, where he has held several leadership positions, including president. Mr. Dowgin is a solo practitioner with a concentration in civil litigation, including construction law, commercial transactions, real estate, zoning and estate planning. He has been a Certified Civil Trial Attorney since 1993. Mr. Dowgin holds a Bachelor's Degree in International Relations from Colgate University and a JD from the Seton Hall University School of Law.

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FAMILY LAW

10:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Summary: This presentation will provide a survey of New Jersey matrimonial law. The program will detail the grounds for divorce, custody and equitable distribution. Relevant court rules and recent developments in family law will also be discussed.

Presenter: Peter Halden, Esq. has been a family law practitioner for over 40 years. His expertise includes all issues pertaining to family law including divorce, custody, and the economic aspects of divorce. He is currently a member of Borger Matez, a family law firm in Cherry Hill, N.J. In addition to his legal work, Peter is currently serving his third term as a member of the New Jersey Board of Bar Examiners where he has written 18 questions on various topics that have appeared on the New Jersey bar exam. Prior to becoming an attorney, he was a journalist for the Associated Press and an editor for the Camden Courier Post.

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BASIC ESTATE PLANNING

1:00 p.m.-2:15 p.m.

Summary: This presentation will focus on the documents that comprise the foundation of basic estate planning and what factors should be considered when drafting them. Estate planning involves not only the determination of who will inherit your property after your death, but who will take care of you and your property before your death if you should become incapacitated. Estate planning also should include actions intended to minimize taxes and address issues related to the care and custody of minor children and individuals with special needs.

Presenter: **Fiona Van Dyck, Esq.** is in private practice in Princeton, New Jersey as the founding partner of the firm Van Dyck Law, LLC where she concentrates her practice in estate planning, including: wills, trusts and asset protection planning, estate administration, elder law and guardianships. Admitted to practice in New Jersey, Pennsylvania and New York, Ms. Van Dyck is a member of the New Jersey State Bar Association, the Mercer County Estate Planning Council, Wealth Counsel, Elder Counsel and the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (NAELA). Ms. Van Dyck lectures on estate planning, asset protection and elder law issues to various private and public groups and has written on various estate planning issues. Ms. Van Dyck received her undergraduate degree from Rutgers University in New Brunswick, New Jersey and her law degree from Rutgers School of Law – Camden. She has also received an LL.M. from the University of London with a concentration in business law.

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BASIC ESTATE ADMINISTRATION

2:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

Summary: This presentation will focus on the more formal aspects of estate administration, which is the process of distributing the property of a deceased individual to the persons who are designated by the decedent or the application of law to the recipients of such property. It can involve court-supervised processes, such as formal probate and administration, as well as informal processes, such as the filing of beneficiary claims forms or changing the registration on joint accounts.

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REAL ESTATE CLOSINGS

4:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.

Summary: This presentation will provide a basic overview of the real estate closing process in New Jersey. Among the topics addressed will be: the attorney's role in preparing for and participating in a closing, the common documents needed to ensure that closing can occur, the various adjustments to which parties are entitled, and the proper recordation of the closing documents. Closings on commercial and residential properties occur every day. Participants will leave this presentation with a clearer understanding of a common, yet sometimes complicated, process.

Presenters: **Ian S. Bloom** is a founding partner of UHB Law Group and focuses his practice on real estate, criminal defense, and municipal court matters. Shortly after becoming admitted to the New Jersey Bar, Ian opened up his own practice in Hamilton, New Jersey where he primarily handled motor vehicle and traffic matters. Ian is a graduate of Albany Law School. While attending law school, Ian served as an intern for the Albany District Attorney's Office, where he spent two years in the vehicular crime unit, primarily working on DWI cases. He also interned at the Public Defender's Office, working on traffic court and county drug court matters. Ian has also served as a member of the Howell Zoning Board.

Kevin L. Uniglicht is a founding partner of UHB Law Group and focuses his practice on real estate and social security disability matters. Prior to founding the UHB Law Group, Kevin handled insurance defense cases, managing the litigation unit of a large, New Jersey based auto insurance carrier. He was previously an associate in a mid-sized law firm where his practice included complex litigation, personal injury, insurance defense, land use and zoning, "green" energy consultation and real estate. Kevin started his legal career as a Deputy Attorney General with the Department of Law and Public Safety, working on environmental litigation. Kevin attended law school at the Syracuse University College of Law, where he founded the National Security and Counter Terrorism Association and held the position of Associate Editor for the Syracuse Digest. Upon completion of law school, Kevin served as a Law Clerk and a Civil Mediator for the Honorable Ira E. Kreizman of the Monmouth County, New Jersey Superior Court.

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